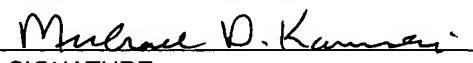
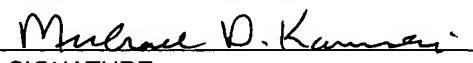
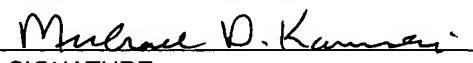


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/GB2004/000417	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 02/05/2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 02/06/2003
TITLE OF INVENTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HEAT SEALING A LIDDING SHEET		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Peter John HOUZEGO et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08 and Search Report under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A change of attorney docket number letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:		

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